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NEAR ZARAND, KERMAN

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1. ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF DECEMBER 20 EARTHQUAKE
NEAR ZARAND, KERMAN, SUBSEQUENT TO ESTIMATES REPORTED
IN REF A, INCLUDE AT LEAST 521 KILLED AND 247
INJURED. SOME 44 VILLAGES AND THE SMALL TOWN OF
ZARAND (POPULATION 23,000) WERE IN QUAKE ZONE. THREE
VILLAGES WERE ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROYED: KISH (SPELLED
GISK IN REFTEL), SAR-ASIAB-BAGH AND BAB-E-TANAEL (WHERE
250 OF A POPULATION OF 2200 WERE KILLED). THE CITIES
OF KERMAN AND RAFSANJAN WERE ROCKED BY THE INITIAL
QUAKE AND AFTERSHOCKS BUT NO DAMAGE REPORTED AS YET.
RELIEF OPERATIONS REPORTED UNDERWAY APPEAR RESPONSIVE
TO NEEDS AND INCLUDE FIELD HOSPITALS, TENTS, FOOD AND
EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT. THE RLSS REPORTS NO RPT NO U.S. OR
OTHER FOREIGN CASUALTIES.

2. THE MASHAD GEOPHYSICS CENTER REGISTERED THE
ORIGINAL QUAKE AT 6.1 (VICE 6.2 REPORTED IN REFTEL)
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ON THE RICHTER SCALE WITH AN EPICENTER 790 KM. SOUTH-
WEST OF MASHAD (I.E. THE ZARAND AREA). AT 11:29
IRANIAN TIME DECEMBER 21 THE CENTER REGISTERED ANOTHER
SHOCK AT AN INTENSITY OF 5.3 AND 1,000 KM. SOUTHWEST
OF MASHAD, ALSO IN THE DIRECTION OF ZARAND.

3. THE ZARAND QUAKE IS TERMED THE MOST DEVASTATING

TO HIT IRAN SINCE WHEN 12,000 PEOPLE WERE KILLED
IN A QUAKE IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF IAN. IN 1962
ABOUT 10,000 WERE KILLED IN A QUAKE THAT HIT THE QAZVIN
REGION, QPP MILES WEST OF TEHRAN.
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